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## Market News

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**NEW YORK, Oct. 29.**—Stocks were firm to strong during the day's session, but the market continued to be influenced by technical considerations. Foreign oils showed some of the recent strength, domestic issues easing under realizing sales. Independent steel and shipping companies were recommended to moderate accumulation, the former again owing their prominence to rumors of mergers. Investment sales receded slightly at the close, hardening later.

Changes among specialties resulted largely from the customary week-end settlement of speculative accounts, but gains prevailed at the steady close. Sales 375,000 shares.

Trading in bonds was light, most of the heavy issues showing gains while Victory notes established new high quotations for the year. Railroad and industrial bonds were mixed, but some of the foreign group, particularly United Kingdoms of 1927 were strong. Total sales par value \$5,175,000.

Last week's moderate deficit in actual reserves of the clearing house was cancelled by this week's cash gain of \$18,000,000 and loans showed further decrease of \$21,838,000, making a total contraction of about \$10,000,000 for the past fortnight.

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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL.**  
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In both cases however, the returns indicated gradual recovery from low ebb.

Currency was given to rumors that mergers of various steel, equipment, motor and oil companies were under way. These rumors, in the opinion of some sort of a deal seems impending between Pullman and Haskell and Barker, and that several Pacific coast oil properties are likely to be absorbed by influential interests.

The movement in domestic oils, especially those from California, was the most conspicuous feature. Dealers in these shares at substantial gains exceeded in the aggregate the trading in all other issues. Brokers' loans showed further reduction and commercial demand again were limited to seasonal requirements. Despite these conservative influences and the further piling up of reserves by Federal banks, the money market gave little promise of immediate relaxation.

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